

**c. O'Connor's May 8, 1995, Letter to Harold Ickes**

O'Connor followed up on Fowler's memo to Ickes by writing a letter to Ickes three days later, on May 8, which he copied to Fowler, Mercer and the people who attended the April 28 DNC meeting.<sup>305</sup> O'Connor expressed his appreciation to Ickes for calling him on April 25 and 26, and noted that he "assume[d] these calls were prompted by my discussions with the President and Bruce Lindsey on April 24 when they were in Minneapolis." O'Connor explained that, while he had tried to call Ickes back, he did not continue to try to reach Ickes because he already had a meeting scheduled with Fowler for April 28 about the Hudson casino proposal. O'Connor added that he had been advised that Ickes and Fowler had spoken about the matter, and that Fowler had sent Ickes his memo outlining the basis for the opposition to the casino proposal. O'Connor went on to describe how the opponents to the casino proposal had presented their economic impact study to certain officials at the Interior Department (a copy of which O'Connor later forwarded to Ickes), and how the opponents needed access to the information the applicants submitted to Interior.

O'Connor wrote that he also wanted "to relate the politics involved in this situation" to Ickes. O'Connor asserted that Republican officials supported the casino proposal, including Gov. Thompson of Wisconsin and Sen. D'Amato of New York. O'Connor pointed out to Ickes

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a memo, though he is not sure he reviewed it at the time. In addition, Ickes's special assistant, Janice Enright (whom Fowler described as Ickes's "alter ego," OIC Interview of Donald Fowler, Sept. 18, 1998, at 5), recalled that Ickes received something in writing from Fowler about Hudson.

<sup>305</sup>The copy to these individuals was by use of a blind copy (a "bcc"), but the letter the White House received included the "bcc" page.